



TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

To: Town Council

From: Dan Coppinger, Acting Police Chief

Date: February 27, 2018

CC: Matt Hart, Finance

Subject: Resolution to Appropriate \$7,985 in the Drug Enforcement Fund for the Purchase of Equipment. (1099)

Background: The Town of West Hartford maintains a Drug Enforcement Fund to account for the drug enforcement activities of the West Hartford Police Department. The fund is financed with proceeds from the State and Federal governments for drug asset forfeitures and the Town earns interest income on the fund's available cash. The police department needs to upgrade its forensic cellphone investigative equipment and software to remain current with the demands of ongoing criminal investigations involving cellphone technology. If approved, the Town would plan to use its existing vendor to upgrade its equipment and software.

Operational Impact: The equipment and software upgrade would help the police gather more evidence and investigate crimes in a more efficient and timely manner. Additionally, by keeping pace with the demands of changing cellphone technology the upgrade would increase the Police Department's solvability rate for crimes involving cellphone technology.

Financial Impact: Town Council adoption of this resolution would have a direct fiscal impact on the fiscal year 2017-2018 budget for the Drug Enforcement Fund. Fund balance would decrease \$7,895 with a corresponding appropriation for the purchase of equipment. Subsequent to adoption of this resolution, the Drug Enforcement Fund would have an available fund balance of approximately \$92,000.

Legal Review: Corporation Counsel's office has reviewed and approved the form and legality of the proposed resolution.

Project Schedule: The Police Department would purchase this equipment and licensing renewal upon Council's adoption of this resolution.

Recommendation: In order to enable the Police Department to remain current with the demands of ongoing criminal investigations involving cellphone technology, staff recommends that the Town Council approve this resolution.

Attachments: See attached resolution.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$7,985 IN THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT FUND FOR THE
PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT**

WHEREAS, the Town of West Hartford has a Drug Enforcement Fund to account for the drug enforcement activities of the West Hartford Police Department, and

WHEREAS, the fund receives proceeds from the State and Federal governments for drug asset forfeitures and earns interest income on the fund's available cash, and

WHEREAS, at the end of each fiscal year the un-appropriated revenues and the unexpended appropriations in this fund are available for appropriation in the following fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, the Police Department is in need of renewing and upgrading current services and capital equipment that qualify as eligible expenditures under the guidelines established by the Drug Enforcement Administration of the United States Department of Justice, and

WHEREAS, said cell phone forensic equipment and software consists of a Cellebrite IFED4PC (F-UFD-03-018) with updated software and license renewal (A-SOW-11-003), and forensic static free workbench, BenchPro KDC-6 with LisStat ESD Laminate,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD that the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Drug Enforcement Fund budget is hereby amended as follows:

ESTIMATED REVENUES:

20-220305-20406-9399	Fund Balance	\$7,985
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APPROPRIATIONS:

20-220305-20406-3202	Capital Equipment	\$7,985
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